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REMARKS

Claim 1-10 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 1 and 8 are being amended. Claims 6 and 7 are being cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new claims are being added. No new matter has been added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 7 was deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, without acceding to the rejections of the Office Action, independent claim 1 has been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 6 and 7. Claim 1 should now be in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

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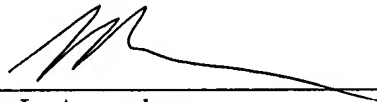
CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, any necessary extension of time is hereby requested. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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